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1. FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS FROM AMERICAN STUDENTS PRESENTLY
AT UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN
BRIEFING FUTURE STUDENTS:

A. UNIVERSITY OF DAKAR BASED ON FRENCH EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
WHICH ALLOWS LITTLE CURRICULUM FLEXIBILITY AND LIMITS
INFORMAL DIALOGUE WITH PROFESSORS COMMON IN US.

B. LIBRARIES LACKING IN DETAILED RESEARCH MATERIAL BUT
POSSIBILITY FOR CONTACTS WITH AFRICAN SCHOLARS AND WRITERS
EXISTS.

C. STUDENTS SHOULD BE PREPARED WORK INDIVIDUALLY;
LITTLE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE.

D. FEW STUDENT ACTIVITIES, NO SEMINARS OR ORGANIZED
STUDENT GROUPS.

E. CUMBERSOME ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR REGISTRATION WHICH
FRUSTRATING.

REALIZE ALL OF ABOVE NOT UNUSUAL IF FAMILIAR WITH EUROPEAN
EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS. HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND FLEXIBLE STUDENTS
WILL FIND THE YEAR A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

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2. RE PARA THREE REFTEL, POST UNDERSTANDS UNDERGRADUATES NOT ELIGIBLE. CU ASSUMPTION CORRECT; HOWEVER, THOSE STUDENTS PREDOMINANTLY ENGAGED RESEARCH PROBABLY WOULD HAVE MORE SUCCESSFUL YEAR THAN THOSE JUST TAKING COURSES.

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